

## MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Regular Meeting

September 26, 1957  
10:00 A.M.

Council Chamber, City Hall

The meeting was called to order with Mayor Miller presiding.

## Roll call:

Present: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller  
Absent: None

Present also: W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager; Doren R. Eskew, City Attorney; Reuben Rountree, Jr., Director of Public Works.

Invocation was delivered by REV. EDWIN M. SCHAFER, Evangelical and Reform Church, 5800 Cameron Road.

Councilman White moved that the Minutes of September 19, 1957, be approved. The motion, seconded by Councilman Long, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller  
Noes: None

MR. NORRIS DAVIS represented a group of families from the Riley School area pointing out the bad condition of the streets and grounds around the school; that there were no sidewalks nor drains. Water from the Public Safety property drains over Guadalupe and has washed the topping off. Koenig Lane is a thoroughfare, and one-third of the children had to cross Koenig Lane, and they had no police patrol there. Complaint was made of the little foot bridge. He asked that the Council, when the School Board moved out on its part, move out on the City's part. The City Manager listed the items necessary for permanent improvement of the area. As soon as a land trade is worked out which would not take long, the drainage could be put in. As soon as the weather permitted, Guadalupe Street would be resurfaced. The little foot bridge will be relocated and a wider one constructed. It was stated also that extra railings would be put on the little bridge. The City Manager stated gravel had been put on the west side of the curb and an effort was being made to maintain a sidewalk until permanent relief could be realized. Mayor Miller stated the City would do its best to take care of the streets, bridges, and drainages and try to work out their problems and get them straightened out.

MISS BEATRICE CALDERON presented a petition for bus service on South 1st Street to Wm. B. Travis School. Mr. Clyde Malone was present, and asked that addresses of the petitioners be supplied, and the petition then sent to him, and he would try to work out something for the group. Miss Calderon took the petition and stated she could get the addresses and petition to Mr. Malone right away.

MR. ALTON RINN submitted a petition from the residents of Marlo Heights and adjoining areas asking for an entrance into Manor Road when it is relocated, and asking that it be near the location of the street which was closed. (Kleberg Lane) Also he submitted petitions from the merchants and businessmen of the Delwood Shopping District and on Manor Road asking the Council to help the residents get an outlet into Manor Road. The City Manager reviewed the matter of the necessity of closing Kleberg Lane for construction of the Airport runways and showed on the map the proposed location of the new road. Construction of the new road would start next spring when the bonds were sold. The Mayor stated the road would go through but it was now just a question of time. Councilman Long moved that these petitions be accepted and go on record as favoring and accepting the City Manager's recommendation that we are going to open Kleberg Lane. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller  
Noes: None

The Council had before it the original zoning of the Shepherd Tract, AREA 6. MR. RAS REDWINE represented Mr. Shepherd. After reviewing the matter, the Mayor asked that Mr. Redwine go over the matter with the City Attorney and in writing get the agreements down--the fact that one lot had been sold to an individual--that certain trucks, the tin and metal house is to be removed, and that the other building will be improved, and any other guarantees that Mr. Shepherd wants to make. The Council then decided to rehear this zoning request at 10:30, October 10th, and asked that the property owners surrounding the property be notified again.

The Mayor asked that MR. L. J. ROBINSON be contacted about his agreement to give certain right-of-way.

The Mayor brought up the following ordinance for its third reading:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THAT CERTAIN ORDINANCE ENTITLED:  
"AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING FARES AND CHARGES COLLECTIBLE,  
BEGINNING THE 1ST DAY OF JULY, 1947, BY EVERY PERSON,  
FIRM AND CORPORATION MAINTAINING AND OPERATING WITHIN  
THE CITY OF AUSTIN A BUS SYSTEM FOR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION  
OF PASSENGERS FOR HIRE USING OR OPERATING UNDER A PUBLIC  
FRANCHISE; PRESCRIBING PAYMENTS TO THE CITY OF AUSTIN,  
BASED UPON GROSS ANNUAL RECEIPTS FROM OPERATIONS, BY  
EVERY PERSON, FIRM AND CORPORATION MAINTAINING AND  
OPERATING WITHIN THE CITY OF AUSTIN A BUS SYSTEM;  
FIXING TIMES FOR SUCH PAYMENTS; AND DECLARING AN  
EMERGENCY," WHICH ORDINANCE WAS PASSED BY THE CITY

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN JUNE 26, 1947, AND IS RECORDED IN BOOK "M", PAGES 523-524, INCLUSIVE, OF THE ORDINANCE RECORDS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, BY AMENDING SECTION 1 THEREOF PRESCRIBING RATES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF PASSENGERS FOR HIRE BY BUS WITHIN THE CITY OF AUSTIN.

The ordinance was read the third time and Councilman White moved that the ordinance be finally passed. The motion, seconded by Councilman Palmer, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller  
Noes: Councilman Long

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

The Council held public hearing on the Budget for the coming year. MR. AMOS HEROLD made inquiries about the increase in longevity pay for firemen and policemen. He suggested taking the \$45,000 appropriated for this purpose and increasing the Civil Defense Budget. The Mayor stated the fire and police were the first wall of civil defense. Mr. Herold asked about a plan of evacuation. The City Manager explained the steps the City has taken in Civil Defense. MRS. BARROW made inquiry about the Civil Defense Budget, and the City Manager went over the budget for her.

Councilman Long moved that the City Manager be asked to send a representative of the City of Austin to sit in on the Civil Defense Panel at the League of Municipalities, meeting in San Antonio next week; also a representative from the Fire and the Police Departments; and a representative from the Urban Renewal Department to attend the Urban Renewal Panel, and that an appropriation be made to cover. The motion, seconded by Councilman Palmer, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller  
Noes: None

The Council had before it the adoption of the Budget. Councilman Long suggested appropriating more in the Water and Light Department to add personnel to take care of complaints. The City Manager explained the procedure now being followed in checking complaints and improving the systems, and that extra help has been provided for peak periods. The budget was gone over and the City Manager stated he believed the budget for this Department would meet the problem and if it was found that what was set up was not adequate, then he would recommend an additional appropriation. After discussion, Mayor Miller introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 1957, AND TERMINATING SEPTEMBER 30, 1958, AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR EACH DEPARTMENT, PROJECT AND ACCOUNT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman White offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, the Board of Equalization of the City of Austin has certified its approval of the tax assessment rolls and records of the City of Austin for the year 1957, and has forwarded the same to the City Council; and,

WHEREAS, said tax assessment rolls appear in all respects to be in correct form and prior to their submission the valuations of property shown in said rolls have been examined and corrected in the manner provided by law and ordinances of the City of Austin by the Board of Equalization; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That subject to such adjustments as may be found necessary by reason of appeals pending, the tax assessment roll, showing a total amount of \$447,580,660.00 valuation for said year, be and the same is hereby approved and adopted.

The motion, seconded by Councilman Long, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller

Noes: None

Mayor Miller introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE FIXING AND LEVYING MUNICIPAL AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, FOR THE YEAR 1957, AND FOR EACH YEAR THEREAFTER UNTIL OTHERWISE PROVIDED; DIRECTING THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION THEREOF; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

The ordinance was read the first time and Councilman Pearson moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its second reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller

Noes: None

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman Pearson moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its third reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller

Noes: None

The ordinance was read the third time and Councilman Pearson moved that the ordinance be finally passed. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller

Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Mayor Miller introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THAT CERTAIN ORDINANCE PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, JULY 17, 1941, AND RECORDED IN ORDINANCE BOOK "L", PAGES 152-174, INCLUSIVE, OF THE ORDINANCE RECORDS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, WHICH ORDINANCE WAS AMENDATORY OF THAT CERTAIN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING ZONING REGULATIONS AND DISTRICTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, APRIL 23, 1931, AND RECORDED IN BOOK "I", PAGES 301-318, INCLUSIVE, OF THE ORDINANCE RECORDS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, THE AMENDATORY ORDINANCE HEREBY CHANGING THE FOLLOWING: (1) (a) THREE TRACTS OF LAND FRONTING ALONG THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF EAST 30TH STREET, SAME BEING THE WEST 40 FEET OF LOT 7 PLUS 310 EQ. FT. SOUTH OF LOT 7, THE EAST 40 FEET OF LOT 8, AND THE WEST 75 FEET OF LOT 9, LESS THE SOUTHEAST 23 FEET BY 45 FEET, ALL IN BLOCK 3, GROOMS ADDITION, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 401, 405, AND 407 EAST 30TH STREET, FROM "B" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "LR" LOCAL RETAIL DISTRICT; (b) THREE TRACTS OF LAND FRONTING ALONG THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF EAST 30TH STREET, SAME BEING THE EAST 20 FEET OF LOT 7 AND THE WEST 20 FEET OF LOT 8, THE EAST 46.5 FEET OF LOT 9, AND THE SOUTHEAST 23 FEET BY 45 FEET OF THE WEST 75 FEET OF THE WEST 75 FEET OF LOT 9, ALL IN BLOCK 3, GROOMS ADDITION, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 403, 409, AND 411 EAST 30TH STREET, FROM "B" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "LR" LOCAL RETAIL DISTRICT; (2) 3.06 ACRES BEING A PORTION OF THAT CERTAIN 4.583 ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF AND A PART OF THE ISAAC DECKER LEAGUE SURVEY NO. 20, LOCALLY KNOWN AS THE REAR OF 2213-2229 POST ROAD, FROM "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT AND "GR" GENERAL RETAIL DISTRICT TO "C" COMMERCIAL DISTRICT; ALL OF SAID PROPERTY BEING LOCATED IN AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; ORDERING A CHANGE IN THE USE MAPS SO AS TO RECORD THE CHANGES HEREBY ORDERED; AND SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF ORDINANCES ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS.

The ordinance was read the first time and Councilman Pearson moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its second reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller  
Noes: None

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman Pearson moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its third reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller  
Noes: None

The ordinance was read the third time and Councilman Pearson moved that the ordinance be finally passed. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller  
Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Councilman White offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, by deed dated November 12, 1931, the City of Austin conveyed to Nella T. Evans, of Travis County, Texas, in consideration of the payment by the said Nella T. Evans of \$750.00, two tracts of land, the first tract containing 1202 square feet and the second tract containing 4892 square feet, said tracts being more fully described in said conveyance, which is recorded in Volume 473, pages 284-285 of the Deed Records of Travis County, Texas, to which reference is here made for more particular description, and that said above described property so conveyed by the City of Austin to Nella T. Evans was a part of the property set aside and dedicated to street purposes in the original dedication of College Courts Addition as shown by the plat thereof recorded in Volume 2, page 222, Plat Records of Travis County, Texas, and whereas said conveyance was executed by Adam R. Johnson, City Manager of the City of Austin, for and in behalf of the City of Austin pursuant to the authority and direction duly given and made by the City Council of the City of Austin by written resolution, and whereas the official records of the City of Austin do not disclose or reflect that such written resolution was recorded, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

THAT the act and deed of the City Manager, Adam R. Johnson, in conveying to Nella T. Evans the certain two tracts of land fully described in the deed dated November 12, 1931, and recorded in Volume 473, pages 284-285 of the Deed Records of Travis County, Texas, be and the same are hereby in all things ratified and confirmed and such conveyance is hereby declared to be the deed and conveyance of the City of Austin to the said Nella T. Evans whereby said two tracts of land were conveyed, for the consideration recited in said deed, to Nella T. Evans.

The motion, seconded by Councilman Palmer, carried by the following vote:  
Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller  
Noes: None

The City Manager submitted the following:

"Quotations for a 210 Type Air Compressor as per attached specifications were opened in the office of the Superintendent of the Sanitary Sewer Division and the following is a tabulation:

"FIRM	TOTAL BID	DELIVERY DATE
1. Central Texas Equipment Company, Austin, Texas	\$6,247.00	10 Days
2. Ingram Equipment Company, Austin, Texas	6,500.00	14 Days
3. Pearce Equipment Company, San Antonio, Texas	6,935.00	10 Days

"It is recommended that the contract be awarded to Central Texas Equipment Company on their low bid of \$6,247.00 with six to ten days delivery date.

"Yours truly,  
Albert R. Davis, Director  
Water and Sewer Department  
APPROVED W.T. Williams, Jr.  
City Manager"

Councilman Pearson offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, bids were received by the City of Austin on September 23, 1957, for a 210 Type Air Compressor; and,

WHEREAS, the bid of Central Texas Equipment Company in the sum of \$6,247.00 was the lowest and best bid therefor, and the acceptance of such bid has been recommended by the Director of the Water and Sewer Department of the City of Austin, and by the City Manager; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the bid of Central Texas Equipment Company in the sum of \$6,247.00 be and the same is hereby accepted, and W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager of the City of Austin is hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract on behalf of the City of Austin with Central Texas Equipment Company.

The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:  
Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller  
Noes: None

Councilman White offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, certain public utilities and drainage easements were reserved and dedicated to the public across Lots 4 and 5, Block C of Barton Hills, Section 1, a Subdivision of a portion of the Henry P. Hill Survey in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, according to a map or plat of Barton Hills, Section 1, of record in Book 7 at page 106, Plat Records of Travis County, Texas; and,

WHEREAS, the owners of the hereinafter described premises have heretofore granted the City of Austin public utilities and drainage easements at more desirable and practical locations, and have requested that the hereinafter described public utilities and drainage easements located on such premises be released; and,

WHEREAS, the hereinafter described easements are not now needed and hereafter will not be required by the City of Austin; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager, be and he is hereby authorized to execute a release of the public utilities and drainage easements located on the hereinafter described premises:

Two (2) strips of land, each of the said two (2) strips of land being five (5.00) feet in width, the strip of land hereinafter described as No. 1 being out of and a part of Lot 4, Block C, Barton Hills, Section 1, the strip of land hereinafter described as No. 2 being out of and a part of Lot 5, Block C of the said Barton Hills, Section 1, a Subdivision of a portion of the Henry P. Hill Survey in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, according to a map or plat of the said Barton Hills, Section 1, of record in Book 7 at page 106 of the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas, each of the said two (2) strips of land five (5.00) feet in width are more particularly described as follows:

NO. 1 Being the West five (5.00) feet of the said Lot 4, Block C of Barton Hills, Section 1.

NO. 2. Being the West five (5.00) feet of the said Lot 5, Block C of Barton Hills, Section 1.

The motion, seconded by Councilman Pearson, carried by the following vote:  
Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller  
Noes: None

The City Manager submitted the following:

"Bids were opened September 24, 1957, at 2:00 P.M. for a 69 KV Substation steel structure for Clark Substation. These bids are tabulated as follows:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>DELIVERY</u>	<u>UNIT PRICE</u>
General Electric Co.	22 weeks	\$46,450.00
Line Material Industries		
McGraw-Edison Co.	Dec. 1957	\$35,645.00
Southern States Equipment Co.	17-22 weeks	\$41,000.00
U S C O Power Equipment Co.	6-8 weeks	\$42,164.25
Federal-Pacific Electric	130 days	\$39,750.00
Royal Electric Mfg. Co.	90-120 days	\$38,948.76
General Electric Supply Co.	22 weeks	\$46,450.00
Westinghouse Electric Co.	24 weeks	\$41,860.00
I.T.E. Circuit Breaker Co.	18 weeks	\$37,775.00



"The Walter Tips Co.	14 weeks	\$40,225.00
Graybar Electric Co.	22 weeks	\$46,450.00
Delta Star Division of		
H. K. Porter Co.	as requested	\$40,810.00
Delta Star Alternate	as requested	\$40,730.00

"All bidders quoted net 30 days, and all bids quoted firm prices except those of U S C O and Federal Pacific Electric Company in which no statement was made concerning escalation. All bidders quoted FOB Austin except Southern States Equipment Company, General Electric Supply Company, and the General Electric Company who quoted FOB point of shipment with freight allowed. The delivery quoted by the low bidder is satisfactory.

"I recommend that a contract be awarded to Line Material Industries, McGraw-Edison Company for one substation structure for Clark Substation for a firm price of \$35,645.00.

"APPROVED:  
W. T. Williams, Jr.,  
City Manager"

"(Sgd) D. C. Kinney,  
Director Electric Utility

Councilman White offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, bids were received by the City of Austin on September 24, 1957, for a 69 KV Substation steel structure for Clark Substation; and,

WHEREAS, the bid of Line Material Industries, McGraw-Edison Co. in the sum of \$35,645.00 was the lowest and best bid therefor, and the acceptance of such bid has been recommended by the Director of Electric Utility of the City of Austin, and by the City Manager; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the bid of Line Material Industries, McGraw-Edison Company in the sum of \$35,645.00 be and the same is hereby accepted, and W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager of the City of Austin is hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract on behalf of the City of Austin with Line Materials Industries, McGraw-Edison Company.

The motion, seconded by Councilman Pearson, carried by the following vote:  
Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller  
Noes: None

Councilman Pearson offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, bids were received by the City of Austin on September 18, 1957, for the furnishing of Bulk Oxygen and Anesthetic Gases to the City for a period of two years, beginning October 1, 1957; and,

WHEREAS, the bid of Linde Company in the sum of \$23,190.00 was the lowest and best bid for the furnishing of Bulk Oxygen; and,

WHEREAS, the bid of Big Three Welding Equipment Company in the sum of \$19,559.52 was the lowest and best bid for the furnishing of Anesthetic Gases; and,

WHEREAS, the acceptance of such bids has been recommended by the Purchasing Agent of the City of Austin and by the City Manager, Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the bids of Linde Company in the sum of \$23,190.00 for Bulk Oxygen, and of Big Three Welding Equipment Company in the sum of \$19,559.52 for Anesthetic Gases, be and the same are hereby accepted, and W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager of the City of Austin is hereby authorized and directed to execute contracts on behalf of the City of Austin with Linde Company and Big Three Welding Equipment Company.

The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller

Noes: None

The City Manager submitted the following:

"September 24, 1957

"Memo to: Mr. W. T. Williams, Jr.  
City Manager

Subject: Tabulation of bids received for the "Repair of Two (2) 8" Steel Pipe River Crossings." Bids received at 2:00 P.M. Tuesday, September 24, 1957.

Bidder	Amount Bid	Calendar Days
Austin Engineering Co. Austin, Texas	\$13,110.00	40
Wyman Construction Co. Houston, Texas	\$16,090.00	45
Joe Bland Construction Co. Austin, Texas	\$16,900.00	60

"I recommend that the Austin Engineering Co., Austin, Texas, be awarded the contract on their low bid of \$13,110.00.

"Note: The work to be done on this contract includes the removal from the river of approximately 800 feet of pipe in two river crossings which was broken and damaged during the floods, repair of the pipe, installation of river weights or anchors, installation of ball joint pipe at each end of the river crossings, installation of long expansion joints at each river bank, and reinstallation of the repaired pipe.

(Sgd) A. H. Ullrich, Superintendent  
Water and Sewage Treatment"

Councilman White offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, bids were received by the City of Austin on September 24, 1957, for the "Repair of Two (2) 8" Steel Pipe River Crossings", and,

WHEREAS, the bid of Austin Engineering Co. in the sum of \$13,110.00 was the lowest and best bid therefor, and the acceptance of such bid has been recommended by the Superintendent of Water and Sewage Treatment of the City of Austin, and by the City Manager; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the bid of Austin Engineering Co. in the sum of \$13,110.00 be and the same is hereby accepted, and W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager of the City of Austin is hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract on behalf of the City of Austin with Austin Engineering Co.

The motion, seconded by Councilman Pearson, carried by the following vote:  
Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller  
Noes: None

The City Manager presented a little statement which he would like to mail out with the tax bills. The statement had listed the rates and the percentage of school and city taxes. The Council informally approved the statement as he presented.

The City Manager submitted a request from the Optimist Club asking permission to sell Christmas Trees on a site on Lamar, south of 29th Street. The Council informally agreed to give them this permission.

The Council went over the list of names to be inscribed on the plaque for the Convention Center and Municipal Auditorium.

The City Manager stated that several weeks ago he was instructed to place signs on the old Pan American Center stating that the use would be discontinued. He had received no reaction from anyone, and he stated that if the Council had not received any comments that they would go ahead and remove the structure. No member had received any comments.

The Mayor submitted a complaint about there being no water pressure in the Jewish cemetery at Oakwood. The matter was referred to the Director of Public Works.

The City Manager submitted a request for the purchase of city property south of Koenig Lane west of Lamar. The tract is about 27' wide at one point. The people who are inquiring about its purchase have in mind acquiring additional

property adjoining it. Councilman Long, in this connection, inquired about the lease of the 7-Eleven Stores across the street. The Mayor asked that the figures on this be brought in.

There being no further business, the Council adjourned at 1:10 P.M., subject to the call of the Mayor.

APPROVED



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

BUDGET

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1958

OCTOBER 1, 1957 - SEPTEMBER 30, 1958

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August 28, 1957

TO: The Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
Austin, Texas

In compliance with Article VII, Section 6 of the Austin City Charter, and the Budget Law of the State of Texas, we submit herewith for your consideration a tentative draft of the proposed budget of the City of Austin for the twelve month period beginning October 1, 1957 and ending September 30, 1958. So that you might have opportunity to make comparison of figures, the budget Statements of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Balances, pp. 3 and 85, contain three columns covering the years 1955-56, 1956-57, and 1957-58.

GENERAL FUND

REVENUES  
(pp. 5-6)

These pages show a detailed breakdown of General Fund Resources. It is proposed that the 1956 general fund tax rate of 62¢ be continued in effect for the year 1957, and our estimates of property tax revenue are based upon that rate. You will note that we estimate our tax roll for this year will total some \$445 million or about \$21 million more than last year. This will bring in slightly in excess of \$100,000 additional revenue for General Fund purposes. The only significant difference in non-tax revenue for the new year is an estimated \$123,000 in additional revenue from Brackenridge Hospital which will be offset by additional operating costs at the hospital. Total General Fund Revenue is thus up only \$270,000, to a total of \$5,530,410.

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To provide the necessary funds for operation of our general government functions this coming year, a transfer from the utility fund of \$3,900,000 will be required. This transfer will be \$300,000 more than will be transferred in the current year.

EXPENDITURES  
(pp. 7 - 84)

The proposed General Fund operating budget for the year 1957-58 contemplates a total expenditure of \$9,094,945, plus \$373,650 in property additions, or a grand total of \$9,468,595. The present year's total is estimated at \$8,758,580, or some \$710,000 lower. The 7% increase in operating expenditures is due to many causes and is spread, though not uniformly, through all departments and functions of the City. Percentagewise, the largest increase is in Public Safety and Public Health activities. It should be noted that none of the increase in Public Safety expenditures is offset by additional revenue while the increase in Public Health, primarily at Brackenridge, is offset by an estimated \$123,000 increase in revenues at the Hospital.

Administration accounts for about 12% of the budget increase. This increase is due primarily to increased requirements of the retirement and social security program as well as the first budget for the new Urban Renewal Department.

PUBLIC SAFETY  
(pp. 24 - 30)

Last year 21 policemen and 28 firemen were added to meet the demands of our growing City for more police and fire protection. They were employed in the middle of the fiscal year and salaries of these men for the full year instead of for six months accounts for much of the increase. The proposed budget recommends

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four additional firemen and eight additional police officers. The firemen and four of the policemen are to work vacation relief, so that during vacation periods the two departments will not have to either pay overtime or work shorthanded.

Included in the proposed budget is an increase in longevity pay for the Fire and Police Departments from \$2 to \$3 per month for each year of service. This amounts to approximately \$45,000 for the budget year. Also included is an item for uniform allowance for Fire Department personnel.

PUBLIC WORKS  
(pp. 31 - 44)

There is no material increase in the Public Works budget. The \$85,000 increase proposed for the coming year over the present year is 12% of the total General Fund increase, but it is only about 4 1/2% over estimated spending for that activity this year.

Typical among the causes for such increase is the addition of a field party in the engineering division to eliminate delays in getting preliminary engineering work done for street paving, storm sewer installation, and all sorts of other improvements.

Actually, the principal increase in this department is in Street and Bridge Maintenance and Construction where we want to place continued emphasis on improving the hundreds of miles of street network in the City.

PUBLIC HEALTH  
(pp. 45 - 64)

Public Health activities are up some \$168,000 over the present year, but almost all of that is offset by increased revenue estimates. Estimated Abattoir income is up some \$25,000.

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RECREATION  
(pp. 65 - 74)

An increase of about \$39,000 is proposed for the Recreation Department. This is partially offset by an increase in revenue but not as much as would appear. Recreation revenue this year was originally estimated at \$152,000, but because of the Barton Creek flood, is now estimated at \$139,000. This next year's revenue is projected at \$162,000 or about \$10,000 over what should have been collected this year.

The Barton Creek flood is also reflected in the maintenance budget of the Department on page 66. About \$2,000 was spent on getting the pool back in operating condition. Other unexpected maintenance included renovation of the Rosewood Clubhouse which cost some \$8,000. Thus the proposed maintenance budget is not a sharp curtailment on maintenance, but merely a drop back to normal maintenance costs.

Most of the increase in the Recreation budget is attributed to salaries for more temporary personnel to support the increased activities of the department.

LIBRARY  
(pp. 75-77)

Library expenditures are proposed for \$252,480 against \$226,700 this present year. Principal item is an additional \$13,000 for books which will allow the department to spend \$53,000 for books in the next year. The Library is now circulating more than 7 volumes a year for each volume in the collection, the highest ratio in the United States for libraries in cities of over 100,000 population. This means books are wearing out rapidly and it calls for mending some 2,000 books per month, plus the buying of replacements to continually meet the needs of the citizenry.

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UTILITY FUNDREVENUES  
(pp. 85-87)

Utility revenue for the new year is estimated at \$11,390,000, an increase of \$725,000 over the estimate of \$10,665,000 for the present year. Virtually all of this increase in revenue is expected from the electric system.

EXPENDITURES  
(pp. 88-112)

The total operating and maintenance budget proposed for the new year is \$4,143,495. This is only \$171,000 over the amount which is estimated will be expended this year. Its expenditure will be necessary in order to make possible the estimated increase in revenue.

Utility Projects from Current Funds

A total of \$1,591,480 is proposed for improvements in the electrical system to be paid from current funds. This amount is in addition to the improvements to be made with revenue bond funds.

Property additions to the water system in the amount of \$56,700 will be taken from current funds and for the sewer system, \$36,600. Both these utilities will draw heavily on bond funds for necessary extensions and improvements to the systems.

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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FROM BONDSGENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

(pp. 113 - 115)

Our general obligation bond funds will enter the new year with net resources of \$1,880,501. During the year 1957-58, it is proposed that we sell \$300,000 of Airport Bonds, \$200,000 of Park and Playground Bonds, \$200,000 of Right-of-Way Bonds, and \$1,200,000 of Street Improvement Bonds. In addition, it is our tentative plan to sell \$100,000 of Hospital Bonds to provide money for improving the parking area west of the Hospital, providing for a doctor's parking area, and renovating the Nurses' Home. However, it may be impossible for us to sell the Hospital Bonds, because of the interest rate limit of 3% provided in the bond authority.

Airport

The funds provided by the sale of the Airport Bonds together with matching funds from the United States Government will finance the remainder of Phase II of our airport improvement program. This will consist of the relocation of Manor Road, reconstruction of the old portion of the ILS runway, installation of high intensity lighting on the ILS runway, and the acquisition of land for our Terminal Building.

In addition, we now have underway 40 T-hangers which will be paid for from bond funds with no Federal money involved.

Recreation

We expect to carry over into the new year a balance of some \$100,000 in Recreation bond money. That sum, together with \$200,000 of proposed sale, will make available \$300,000 for recreation improvements during 1957-58. Principal projects proposed include further development of Northwest Park, purchase of land and partial development of a large East Austin Park, partial development of playgrounds at Joslin School, Civitan (Montopolis), Harris School area, Simms School area, Reilly

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School area, and St. John's area, and purchase of the Walsh property on Scenic Drive which will provide another boat launching site for our Austin Citizens.

#### Rights-of-Way

A balance of \$125,000 in our Rights-of-Way Bond funds plus a proposed sale of \$200,000 will give us some \$325,000 with which to buy highway rights-of-way this year. We have made some purchases on the South Loop, but the project generally has been deferred awaiting implementation of the new state law on state participation in acquisition of rights-of-way. The proposed funds will pay the City's portion of the remainder of rights-of-way to be secured for this project and will also provide money for miscellaneous other highway rights-of-way that may be needed.

#### Street Improvements

The Street Improvement Funds -- \$200,000 balance plus a sale of \$1,200,000 will be available for miscellaneous street paving, bridges, and storm sewer work, and for numerous specific projects. These include:

#### Rights-of-Way for Paving:

Oltorf Street - South Lamar to Mo. Pacific R.R.  
Rosewood Avenue - East 11th to Hargraves St.  
South 1st - Elizabeth to Bannister Lane  
West 35th - Filter Plant #2 to Jefferson St.  
45th St. - Bull Creek Road to Airport Blvd.  
Riverside Drive - Bouldin Creek to Parker Lane

#### Paving:

Cameron Road - 51st to Elgin Highway  
East 11th - East Avenue to Rosewood  
Rosewood Avenue - E. 11th to Hargraves  
North Loop - Burnet Road to Lamar  
E. 53 - Avenue F to Airport Boulevard  
South 1st - Elizabeth to Bannister Lane  
West 35th St. - Filter Plant #2 to Jefferson St.  
Riverside Drive - Bouldin Creek to Parker Lane

#### Bridges and Culverts:

\*Widening of Bridge - W. 12th at Shoal Creek  
Culvert - West Mary Street at East Bouldin Creek  
Culvert - Woodrow Avenue south of Koenig Lane  
\*Bridge - W. 45th at Shoal Creek  
Culvert - Riverside Drive East of Parker Lane



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Bridges and Culverts (continued):

- \*Bridge - Woodland Avenue at Blum Creek
- \*Bridge - East 11th at Waller Creek
- \*Bridge Extension - East 19th at Waller Creek

\*Indicates plans already underway

Storm Sewers:

North Loop Blvd. - Hancock Drive to Aurora Drive  
South Lamar Blvd. - Kinney Avenue to Bluebonnet  
Thornton Road Area - Bouldin Creek to S. Lamar Blvd.  
Grover Avenue - Justin Lane to Richcreek Blvd.  
Thompson and Gunter St. - across Airport Blvd. to Boggy Creek  
Montopolis Area - West of Kemp St. to Thrasher Lane  
Cameron Road - E. 53rd St. Easement to south of Corona Drive  
Valley Oak Drive Easement - Highland Terrace West to Highland Ct.  
South 1st St. - South of Oltorf

Projects listed above are some of the major projects planned for the new year. Numerous smaller projects costing less than \$10,000 are not listed.

REVENUE BOND FUNDS  
(p. 116)

Our Revenue Bond fund will enter the new year with net resources of \$1,620,332. During the year 1957-58, it is proposed that we sell \$4,650,000 of electric, \$1,260,000 of water, and \$820,000 of sewer bonds.

Electric Improvements

Major expenditure this new year in the Electric System will be \$3,647,000, which is the estimated cost of the new 40,000 KW turbo-generator, complete with boiler and related equipment. Transmission and distribution extensions will also be made, and \$83,000 has been set up for installation of 20 traffic signals in the new year.

Water System Improvements

Some of the major water system improvements proposed for the new year are:

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Reservoir for North Austin Booster Area  
Intake Structure and pumps for Filter Plant #1  
Service Building at Webberville Service Yard  
Main - Manor Road 12" Loop around Airport Extension  
Main - Northwest Reservoir to Balcones Drive and  
Anderson Lane (36")  
Main - South Austin Booster Station to Manchaca Road &  
Allred Lane (24")  
Main - Lake Austin Blvd. & Low Water Dam to Scenic Dr.  
& Westover Road (24")

#### Sewer System Improvements

Major sewer system improvements proposed for the new year

include:

Purchase and installation of sludge disposal system (Phase II)  
Waller Creek Main - 26th to 38th  
Govalle Area Main and Lift Station (Plans finished)  
Main - Manchaca Road Area  
Main - Johnson Creek Area  
East Bouldin Creek Main enlargement

#### SUMMARY


The growth of our City and the problems accompanying growth pose many problems for all of us. As a city grows, the government that serves it grows more complex and per capita costs increase. Despite this proven fact, the cost of Austin's City government remains modest, particularly when compared with the services furnished the citizens. Much of the budget increase this year as in past years results from higher prices --- higher salaries which we must pay for a trained level of manpower, and higher costs of our material and supplies.

These ever increasing costs point up one of the pressing problems facing Texas cities which is the lack of adequate revenue sources. Austin is fortunate in

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owning a utility system which can aid in the support of its general government. Our good fortune is also a matter of concern, however, for we cannot afford to neglect the proper expansion of the system by leaning too heavily on its earnings to finance our regular governmental functions.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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